

Congress that this goal is finally within our grasp. We have a chance to return fiscal accountability and responsibility to the Federal Government and set a course that will ensure our Nation's well-being into the 21st century. We have a chance to preserve the American dream for our children and grandchildren and help ensure that their future is as bright with promise as was ours.

I thank all my colleagues who have worked so hard to achieve this goal, and I command the coalition leadership which has played an important role in this endeavor in both the 104th and 105th Congresses. But we must be careful that what we do in the final analysis will be fair to all Americans, will be equitable, and will be enforceable. The tough choices lie ahead in the coming weeks, so we have much work yet to do. This week marks an important beginning—but a beginning that has an achievable end in sight.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend my colleagues for their commitment to balancing the budget and their work thus far, and I want to urge continued bipartisan support as we try to make the right choices in the coming weeks and choose the best means to accomplish that goal.

TRIBUTE TO AN ELOQUENT AND REASONED VOICE

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, May 19, the San Gabriel Valley lost one of its most eloquent and reasoned voices when longtime resident and business leader F. Al Totter passed away. Following is an article from the San Gabriel Valley Tribune, where Al Totter served as publisher for nearly 24 years:

F. Al Totter, who served as publisher of the San Gabriel Valley Tribune for nearly 24 years and led the development of a major suburban newspaper group, died Monday of complications from pneumonia at the Citrus Valley Medical Center, Queen of the Valley campus. He was 66.

Totter, who started working at the Tribune as a classified ads manager on its first day of publication in 1955, served as publisher from 1968 to 1992. The Tribune's success—and that of its now sister papers the Pasadena Star-News and the Whittier Daily News, along with small community papers—reflected the residential and industrial boom of the region that it served.

"More than any other person, Al Totter was responsible for the strength and the growth of this newspaper group, especially of the San Gabriel Valley Tribune," said Ike Massey, publisher and chief executive officer of the San Gabriel Valley Newspaper Group. "I know he will be missed by many in the community."

Rep. David Dreier, R-San Dimas, a longtime Totter friend, said the region had lost its most eloquent and reasoned voice.

"He was the conscience of the Valley, and that really does describe him. He was an individual who cared deeply about the San Gabriel Valley, who cared deeply about his newspaper and the newspaper industry," Dreier said.

In 1982, Totter helped arrange the purchase of the Whittier Daily News by Thomson Newspapers, which had purchased the Tribune in 1968. Totter helped arrange Thomson's

1990 purchase of the Pasadena Star-News from William Dean Singleton, who had earlier purchased the paper from Knight-Ridder Co. He was president of the newspaper group when he retired in 1992.

Since 1996, all three newspapers have been part of the San Gabriel Valley Newspaper Group, owned by Denver-based MediaNews Group Inc., of which Singleton is president and CEO.

Dreier said he maintained contact with the publisher through the years, and had called him Monday after hearing from Totter's son-in-law that he was not in good health.

"I am just stunned in light of the fact I just called him this afternoon," Dreier said.

Steve Cox, Totter's son-in-law and the family spokesman, called him a "special husband and father."

"His guidance to his daughter, his son-in-law, and to his grandchildren will be remembered for their lifetimes," Cox said. "He was an extra special person and very dedicated to the family."

Born Sept. 4, 1930 in Joliet, Ill., Totter worked as a department store clothing salesman and a truck driver to pay his way through college, where he studied journalism and advertising.

He got his start in the newspaper industry in 1951 selling advertising for the Herald News in Joliet, then moved to California with his wife Shirley, who survives him.

Totter enlisted in the Air Force and served at Edwards Air Force Base during the Korean War. After his military discharge, he moved to Fullerton and worked as classified ads manager for the Daily News Tribune. He joined the newly established San Gabriel Valley Tribune in 1955 in the same capacity.

At the time, the San Bernardino (10) Free-way had just opened, paving the way for rapid growth in the San Gabriel Valley. Totter was one of a group of newspaper professionals who brought together several east Valley weekly papers to create the daily Tribune.

Totter was named business manager and vice president in 1961, when the paper was sold to Brush-Moore Newspapers centered in Canton, Ohio.

He served as general manager until 1968, when Brush-Moore Newspapers was purchased by Toronto-based Thomson Newspapers. Thomson named Totter publisher, a position he held until retirement in January 1992.

Totter helped lead Thomson's acquisition of many newspapers, including the Whittier Daily News. The company owned more than 160 daily newspapers in North America during the 1970s and '80s. He also served as an officer in the California Newspaper Publishers Association and California-Nevada Associated Press Association.

"He was very well respected in the journalism community in California and certainly played a major role in the growth and evolution of the Thomson newspapers in California," said Andy Lippman, chief of The Associated Press Los Angeles bureau.

He was a cost-conscious newspaper executive who knew how to turn a profit even during recessions.

Dick Terrill, who was circulation director and advertising manager under Totter, called the late publisher an "icon." Under Totter's direction, the Tribune and Whittier Daily News were the most profitable newspapers in the Thomson chain, he said.

"He was a very good businessman, and the papers did very well," said Terrill, now with the San Gabriel Valley Newspaper Group's Specialty Division.

Both the region and newspaper industry went through enormous changes during Totter's tenure as publisher.

"I have had the privilege of watching the newspaper industry move from the hot metal

(Linotype-produced metal type) to computers and modern offset presses," Totter said upon his 1992 retirement. "It was an honor to be able to say that I started with this newspaper and to see it grow and find an important place in the San Gabriel Valley."

Totter was also known throughout the industry as a tough negotiator in contract talks with old newspaper labor unions. He was also a tough boss with only one speed: fast.

"He walked fast, he thought fast, he talked fast and to most of his employees he was a very intimidating, imposing figure," said Bill Bell, editor of the Whittier Daily News. "I have interviewed many highly placed people in my 40 years in journalism and believe Al Totter is the most intimidating man I ever met. But, he could smile, joke, laugh and be quite charming when he wanted."

Pat Pahel, who served as Totter's secretary for his last five years, said the late publisher also had a compassionate side for employees, recalling a time when Totter helped one employee find proper medical care for a gravely ill child.

"He always knew who to get in touch with," Pahel said.

Totter was a leader in the San Gabriel Valley community, participating in such organizations as the West Covina Rotary and the South Hills Country Club.

Totter also was credited with playing a key role in the growth of the Life-Savers, a foundation that started in 1988 when a Covina doctor could not find a suitable bone marrow donor for his leukemia-stricken wife.

That prompted Dr. Rudolf Brutoco to organize Life-Savers and start a drive recruiting donors for people suffering with blood diseases. It grew into a national movement.

"He understood his readers and he wanted his paper to reflect that, but he also wanted to reach out to them and challenge them and I think he did that with the Life-Savers story," Brutoco said. "I give him credit for getting Life-Savers off the ground."

Totter's concern extended to his wallet. In October 1990, he donated \$15,000 to the organization from advertising placed in a special supplement. Brutoco said Totter's concern even continued in retirement.

"He contacted me a year or two ago and asked if there was anything else he could do to further the cause," Brutoco said. "He did that even in his retirement."

He was also supportive of Republican politicians, such as Dreier, Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich, who represents a portion of the San Gabriel Valley, and former West Covina mayor and City Councilman Forest Tennant.

Antonovich, who said he met Totter around the time the supervisor first ran for county office in 1980, said the two held the same philosophical views.

"He was a fiscal conservative who espoused family values . . . He did not apologize for his views," Antonovich said.

But Totter never hesitated to let his political friends know when he disagreed with them and definitely knew his facts. Tennant recalled when the two clashed over a plan to install waste-burning, energy-producing facility in Irwindale during the mid-1980s.

"He not only called me up and told me I was wrong—and dead wrong—he convinced me that I was going to head the committee to oppose it, which I did," said Tennant, chuckling at the memory.

San Gabriel Valley Newspaper Group Editorial Page Editor Steve Scauzillo recalled that Totter hired him as an environmental writer when such beats were still rare in newsrooms.

"Very few newspaper publishers supported a full time environment writer in the 1980s

like he did. He supported environmental coverage," said Scauzillo, whom Totter hired exactly 11 years ago Monday to cover the environment.

Totter is survived by his wife, Shirley; daughter Cheri Cox; son-in-law Steve Cox; grandsons Bret and Chad; brother George Totter of Joliet, Ill.; and sister Audrey Totter-Fred of Westwood.

Funeral arrangements are pending. In lieu of flowers, the Totter family requests that contributions be sent to donors' favorite charity.

A LIFE IN NEWSPAPERS

The following shows highlights in the newspaper career of Al Totter:

1951.—Started selling advertising for The (Joliet) Herald News. The Korean War intervened and Totter joined the Air Force and was stationed at Edwards Air Force Base.

1953.—Discharged from the service and joined the Daily News Tribune in Fullerton as classified manager.

1955.—Helped organize merger of three weekly newspapers into The Tribune and joined new company as classified ads manager.

1959.—Appointed president of the Southern California Classified Managers Association.

1961.—Appointed business manager and elected vice president of The Tribune when it is sold to Brush-Moore Newspapers, based in Canton, Ohio.

1968.—Appointed publisher upon The Tribune's sale to Canada's Thomson Newspapers, which grew to become one of the world's largest newspaper companies.

1971.—Named president of the California-Nevada Associated Press Association.

1977.—Elected president of Western Newspaper Industrial Relations Bureau.

1982.—Helped arrange the purchase of the Whittier Daily News.

1988.—Elected to board of the California Newspaper Publishers Association.

1990.—Helped arrange Thomson's purchase of the Pasadena Star-News.

1992.—Retired.

TRIBUTE TO DR. RICARDO M. KHAN

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to bring to the attention of my colleagues in the House of Representatives notice that Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey will on this day confer on Mr. Ricardo Khan the honorary degree of Doctor of Fine Arts.

Ricardo Khan is the co-founder and artistic director of Crossroads Theatre Co. Founded in October 1978, the company has been propelled by a mission to promote and develop African American theater for its artistic and social value. Crossroads has emerged as a World Theater that, in the words of one critic, "sets out, consciously and consistently, to engage and illuminate the wider world."

Crossroads, which is approaching its 20th season next year, was established in a century-old former garment factory in New Brunswick, NJ. Audiences climbed up steep, narrow stairs to a small second-floor theater space where some nights there were more actors on the stage than patrons in the seats. Mr. Khan kept his vision and developed through the years a close connection to his community-based audience while continuing to present

exciting and inspiring dramas, comedies and musicals. During the 1991-92 season, the company entered a new era when it moved from the factory to a new, \$4 million, 264-seat facility in downtown New Brunswick.

While managing the artistic and business challenges of a burgeoning professional theater company, Mr. Khan provided opportunities to a new generation of theater artists who work in front of and behind the scenes, from directors, actors, and choreographers to designers of sets, lighting, sound, and costumes.

Productions from Crossroads have been seen in theaters across the country and in many foreign lands. "Sheila's Day" was presented in London, in South Africa and in New York City and toured the U.S. Following a production of Leslie Lee's "Black Eagles" at the Ford's Theater here in Washington, the members of the cast and artistic team of the show were invited to the White House where they were publicly congratulated by then-President George Bush and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Colin Powell. "Black Eagles" is a dramatization of the heroic exploits of the African-American pilots who fought during World War II.

Mr. Khan's vision has become a showcase for plays by young playwrights as well as for the critically acclaimed productions of works by Pulitzer Prizewinner August Wilson, former U.S. poet laureate Rita Dove, Leslie Lee, Pearl Cleage, Ruby Dee, Ossie Davis, and many other prominent American playwrights. In addition, Mr. Khan has always remembered his own dreams as a young graduate of the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers and is committed to providing opportunities to aspiring students of theater. Through the African American College Initiative Program [AACIP] which connects Crossroads to the theater programs at many prominent colleges and universities, each year several students are awarded internships to learn from their practical experience at Crossroads.

Mr. Khan is an educator who has taught acting at Rutgers University and has been a guest lecturer for the American Theater Association, Actors' Equity Association, the League of Chicago Theaters, Harvard University, University of Massachusetts, the Tisch School of the Arts at NYU, Brown University, and at Wayne State University.

Mr. Khan is also a prominent spokesperson on the issues current in American theater. He has served as co-chair of the Theatre Advisory Panel of the National Endowment of the Arts. Currently, he serves as president of the Theater Communications Group, the national organization of the American theater. He is also a member of Actors Equity Association, Screen Actors Guild, American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, and the Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers.

Though Dr. Khan's motivation in establishing Crossroads Theatre Co. may have been to create a forum for the creation and nurturing of dramatic expressions of the African-American experience, he has accomplished much more. Crossroads has become a holy place in the struggle among the races; at Crossroads, people of all races are as one, sharing the human experience through dramatic expression.

I'm sure my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in extending both congratulations and thanks to Dr. Ricardo M. Khan.

MFN TRADE STATUS IS OUR BEST TOOL FOR IMPROVING HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, the President recently announced his intention to recommend the extension of most favored nation [MFN] trade status for China, a decision which I strongly support. A failure on America's part to extend MFN would be a grave error which would harm Chinese citizens, the very people MFN opponents want to help. The United States has numerous areas of conflict and disagreement with the Chinese Government, but all of these issues will be addressed more effectively in the context of maintaining normal trade relations. It is important for us to remember that, in the last 15 years, China has witnessed a dramatic improvement in its standard of living. Such improvement is due in no small part to the free-market economic reforms which are supported by our expanding trade relationship.

As the House begins the annual debate on China's MFN status, I want to call Members' attention to an excellent article by Congressman DAVID DREIER, Vice Chairman of the Rules Committee and a leader on trade matters in the House. Congressman DREIER makes a strong case in favor of promoting normal trade relations with China. The article, which was published in the May 19 issue of Insight magazine, discusses the benefits that economic reform has brought to the Chinese people and illustrates the dire need for this reform to continue.

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SANCTIONS WOULD UNDERMINE THE MARKET REFORMS THAT HAVE INITIATED POSITIVE CHANGE

(By David Dreier)

Fostering freedom and human rights around the world is a universal foreign-policy goal in Congress. That was the case in 1989, when I joined nearly a dozen of my colleagues, Democrats and Republicans, in a march to the front door of the Chinese Embassy to protest the brutal massacre of student protesters in Beijing's Tiananmen Square. It remains a bipartisan priority today because support for freedom and democracy is part and parcel of what it means to be American.

The current debate in Congress is not about the goal of ending human-rights abuses in China but about the effectiveness of economic sanctions as a means to achieve that goal. It would be a mistake for China's leaders to interpret this debate as a weakening of our resolve.

In looking at conditions in China during the last 20 years, the path to democracy of numerous countries around the globe and the effectiveness of unilateral economic sanctions to improve human rights for people living under the boot of other repressive regimes, it becomes unmistakably clear that such sanctions will not improve human rights in China. If anything, economic sanctions will set back the cause of freedom.

Achieving greater human freedom in China is an important priority if for no other reason than the fact that one-fifth of the human race lives in that vast country. Today, the Chinese people lack individual rights, political freedom and freedom of speech, religion,